

Property Tax Work-off

A program to permit elderly residents to reduce property taxes by up to \$750 per year by working for the Town of Seekonk

Eligibility Requirements

- Age 60 plus
 - Resident of Seekonk for 5 years.
 - Own and occupy the property for which Seekonk taxes are paid and rebate requested.
 - Present a copy of Seekonk tax notice upon application to the program. Income must not exceed \$30,000 a year single and \$45,000 a year per couple.
 - Only one household member may participate in the program per year.
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How to Apply

Application form available at:
Seekonk Human Services
320 Pleasant Street
Seekonk, MA 02771
Phone: (508) 336-8772
Fax: (508) 336-2239

Hours: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Days: Monday through Thursday

Selection Process

- Applicant must meet eligibility requirements.
 - Applicant must have appropriate skills for position.
 - Applicant and department head must both agree it is an appropriate match.
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Program Goals

- Assist senior citizens with property tax bills.
- Increase involvement of seniors' citizens in municipal government and the school system.
- Acknowledge and affirm the skill of Seekonk elderly residents and the community's continuing need for their services.

Benefit Limits

- \$8.00 per hour for all positions.
 - Maximum rebate \$750 per fiscal year per household.
 - Maximum number of compensated hours worked per year.
 - Level of Town appropriation will determine the maximum number of participants.
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Job Opportunities

- Municipal and school departments.
 - Classrooms, offices, libraries, clinics and special projects.
 - Based upon individual department needs.
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“Whole Estate” means **all** assets, **excluding** domicile, register motor vehicles, furniture, clothing, cemetery plots.

TAX PROGRAMS

Clause 17D, \$175, Elderly

Must be 70 or older on July 1, own and occupy their home for at least 10 years. Their whole estate cannot exceed \$40,000 (exclusive of home)

Clause 18, Hardship

Board Discretion of any portion of the estate of persons who by reason of Age, Infirmary and Financial Condition, are, in the judgment of the Assessors, unable to pay

Clause 18A, Hardship Tax Deferral

Persons of any age may defer all or a portion of the taxes if you don't have the financial resources to pay them because of a change to active military service (not including initial enlistment), unemployment, illness or other type of temporary hardship. They must own and occupy property as of July 1, lived in MA for at least the previous 10 years. This tax deferral allows you to postpone payment. You must enter into a tax deferral agreement that may cover a maximum period of three consecutive fiscal years. A lien statement is recorded.

Clause 22, Veterans

For Veterans with 10% or more disability. Initial requirement a statement from VA stating disability.

Clause, 37A, \$500, Blind

Persons must provide a certificate of Blindness from the Division of the Blind dated 7/1 of the year in which they are applying. This certificate is required each year.

Clause 41A, Any Amount, Deferral

Persons 65 years old or older can apply for this Deferral if income is \$20,000 or less per year. They must own and occupy their home for the past 5 years. This becomes a lien and is recorded on their deed. The Town recovers the deferral at the time of sale in inheritance. Interest is 8%. The outstanding balance + interest can equal 50% of the assessment. **This can be used in conjunction with 41C.**

Clause 41C, \$1,000, Elderly

Persons who are 65 years old or older on 7/1 of the current year and own and occupy their home for 5 years can apply

Clause 42, Total Exemption

Surviving spouse, and have not remarried or minor child of a firefighter or a police officer killed in the line of duty.

Income	Whole Estate
\$20,000 single	\$40,000 single
\$30,000 married	\$50,000 married

Circuit Breaker

See separate brochure

Town Of Seekonk



Tax Programs And Information

For More Information Call:
Seekonk Board of Assessor
508-336-2980
Seekonk Human Services
508-336-8772